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The Kaiser to be a Real War Lord After All?

How the 25th Anniversary of William's Uninterrupted Reign of Peace may Usher in the Great Struggle he Longs For.

The Kaiser in Militant Attitude Reviewing His Troops.



Germany's War Lord and His Six Warlike Sons. Crown Prince William Next to the Kaiser. Then Princes Eitel Frederick, Adelbert, August William, Oscar and Joachim.



The Crown Prince, to Whom the Kaiser May Leave a Heritage of a Great War.

Is the Kaiser to at last have an opportunity to lead his armies in a great war?

Will it develop that the German War Lord has not drilled and trained his people in ways military in vain?

Will Emperor William and his six military sons soon be seen at the head of German war hosts in the long-expected war with France or a struggle for existence with the ever increasing horde of Slavs?

Those who have studied the European situation, growing more tense every moment, are of the opinion that Germany will soon take up arms against either France or Russia. And war with Russia would not mean Russia alone, but war with the millions of other Slavs of Europe that are not of the Russian Empire.

France and Russia are firmly allied. Austria-Hungary and Germany and Italy are equally firmly allied. England stands with France and Russia against Germany and everything German. Kaiser Wilhelm II. would like to be master of the European situation, as he was after the Franco-Prussian war, until France formed the alliance with Russia. He has never forgiven Russia.

War between France and Germany is bound to come, diplomats feel, over the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, which Germany won from France in the Franco-Prussian war, which was so humiliating to the Frenchmen. Ill feeling between the two nations has been growing daily. The recent attack upon German subjects in a railroad station by a French mob, which sent the German press into spasms of rage, combined with the landing of a German war balloon upon French territory, has served to further aggravate a delicate situation.



Germans insist that the Z4, the dirigible balloon of the military service, landed on French territory quite by accident, and assert that the French military authorities took a mean advantage by rushing a ship experts to the scene to study Germany's secrets of construction.

France, on the other hand, vehemently asserts that it is very peculiar that on both occasions on which German war balloons landed on French soil "by accident" the landing place selected chanced to be within eyesight of French fortifications, the secrets of which were being carefully guarded against prying German eyes.

Germany has had several excuses upon which war might have been founded. Diplomats, however, declare that Emperor William wishes everything to remain peaceful until he has celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary of a peaceful reign next month. For that reason, it is believed, he restrained Austria-Hungary when that country would have rushed to arms over the Balkan situation. For that reason the German Emperor restrained his own people when they were furious over French insults to German subjects.

The Kaiser is said to feel that a great war is necessary. He has felt that it would be inevitable. For years he has been preparing for such a war by building up his military forces and spending huge sums annually on armaments. German shipbuilders have struggled valiantly to keep up with Great Britain in the construction of dreadnoughts.

There are several reasons why the Kaiser might like war. One of them is that he believes it would make him monarch of Europe. Another is that Germany must acquire territory for the expansion of her commerce. Also, the Kaiser feels that the Slav invasion must be stopped.

In the Kaiser's celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary of peace to usher in a general European war?

"The War Eagle Is Growing Restive. Can Peace Hold Him Any Longer?"